परमाणु हथियारों पर प्रतिबंध लगाये जाने के संबंध में विश्व की सहमति

2743. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संयुक्त राष्ट्र देशों की हाल में हुई बैठक के दौरान बहुत से देशों के साथ-साथ प्रधान मंत्री ने भी किसी परमाणु हथियार समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किये थे, यदि हां, तो परमाणु-शस्त्रों पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाने वाले समझौते का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इस संबंध में अब तक किन-किन देशों के बीच सहमति हुई है और क्या कुछ देश इस समझौते के विरूद्ध है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनके नाम क्या-क्या है और इस संबंध में उनके द्वारा व्यक्त किये गये विचारों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Opening of Regional Passport Office at Madurai

2744. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1593 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 1992 and state:

(a) the total number of passport applications pending with Regional Passport Offices in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government have proposed to start a Regional Passport Office at Madurai in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, by when and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Total number of 1,28,855 passport applications were at various stages of processing in the Passport Offices at Madras and Trichy in Tamil Nadu as on 31.12.91.

(b) and (c) In view of current financial and administrative constraints, there is no proposal to open a Passport Office at Madurai.

Determining Boundary in the Sea

2745. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to the Government's notice by the President of the Porbandar Machhimar Boat Association and Porbandar Machhimar Sahayak Sangh that it would be impossible for the common fishermen to determine the exact boundary in the sea because it needs special equipment and training to determine their position in the sea exactly if shore objects are not visible;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any instructions to the authorities concerned for the guidance of the fishermen and to save them from the harassment caused to them by the Pakistani authorities; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to keep the boundary line patrolled by Coast Guard or Navy so that our fishermen's vessels do not stray into Pakistani waters and to solve the problem by Indo-Pak dialogue?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Fishermen at Okha and Porbandar are regularly advised by the Coast Guard to remain well within the visual range of light houses on the Indian side in the absence of specialised equipment required for ascertaining position.

(c) Coast Guard ships and aircraft maintain regular surveillance in the area and advise Indian fishermen operating close to the notional Maritime boundary to remain well within Indian waters. Government have also held talks with the Government of Pakistan regarding issues related to fishermen from both countries.